

Career Opportunity

**CONSERVATOR
(Scientist II)
Payband 5**

Position #W0151

Location:

**2801 Kensington Ave
Richmond, VA 23221**

Maximum Hourly Rate

\$25/per hour

Position Description

The Department of Historic Resources is seeking to fill one Conservator position for a two-year project focusing on the retreatment of the *Betsy*.

The Agency was awarded a National Maritime Heritage Grant by the National Park Service to focus on the re-treatment of the *Betsy*, a ship scuttled during the Revolutionary War. The selected individual will work under the direction of the full-time Conservator focusing on the re-treatment of the organic artifacts from the *Betsy* with the goal being to stabilize these objects and make them available for exhibition and research. *Betsy* is an important survival from the American Revolution and is frequently requested for exhibitions. About half of the ship and its contents survive and are in the collections at the Agency. Essential duties will consist of: developing a plan for the re-treatment of large amounts of organic materials; determine the best course of treatment for the artifacts and perform this treatment; research and recommend supplies required for the treatment; work with volunteers and interns; perform outreach activities such as: presenting papers at professional conferences, preparing artifacts for loan, blogging or other social media about the project, and other activities. **This position is a grant funded position for two years, limited to 1500 hours per year and is not eligible for state benefits.**

Qualifications Guide

Expertise and working knowledge of technical, research, and treatment procedures as they apply to archaeological conservation, especially archaeological organics. Demonstrated ability to apply technical and research principles and practices to the conservation of archaeological and other materials; to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; to work across disciplines and utilize automated databases; to develop treatment plans; and to work independently, be organized, and disciplined so as to accomplish the goals of the grant within the two-year grant period. Must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology, anthropology or related field and uphold the code of ethics as stated by the American Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. Master's Degree or equivalent training in conservation, experience with waterlogged organics preferred. The selected candidate will be required to complete a criminal background check as a condition of employment. A valid driver license is required.

Application Requirements

To be considered for this position a completed state application must be received through the on-line employment system at <http://jobs.virginia.gov/> THIS POSITION IS OPEN UNTL FILLED.

A cover letter, resume and one treatment report with photographs are required.

EOE

Women, Minorities, Veterans and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Requests for reasonable accommodations will be provided to applicants in order to provide access to the application and/or interview process.